

SAEG124.005APC

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Hiroyuki Shimoji and Hitoshi Ohtani
Int'l App. No.	:	PCT/JP2004/010566
Int'l Filing Date	:	July 16, 2004
For	:	SUTURE REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL FOR AUTOMATIC SUTURING DEVICE
Examiner	:	Unknown
Group Art Unit	:	Unknown

**Preliminary Amendment**

**Mail Stop PCT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments